

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-33 are pending in the above-identified application. In the Office Action of August 4, 2003, the Examiner made the following dispositions:

- 1.-2.) Rejected claims 1-4, 7-9, 12-13, 16-19, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Boyd, et al.*
- 3.) Objected to claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 14-15, 20-21, 23, 25, 27, and 29 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicant addresses the examiners dispositions below. Though we do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections, claims 1-4, 7-9, 12-13, 16-19, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30-31 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite allowance. We preserve Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent applications.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

- 1.-2.) Rejection of Claims 1-4, 7-9, 12-13, 16-19, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30-33 under 35 U.S. C. §102(e):

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7-9, 12-13, 16-19, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Boyd, et al.* Claims 1-4, 7-9, 12-13, 16-19, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30-31 have been canceled. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 5 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 has been amended to be in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 32 has been amended to include all the limitations of the currently amended claim 5. Claim 33 depends off of claim 32. Because claims 32 and 33 include all the limitations of claim 5, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection has been

overcome and requests that it be withdrawn in regards to claims 32 and 33 because the independent claim in which they incorporate all the limitations of is allowable.

3.) Objection to Claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 14-15, 20-21, 23, 25, 27, and 29:

Claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 14-15, 20-21, 23, 25, 27, and 29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 14-15, 20-21, 23, 25, 27, and 29 per the Examiner's request. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the objection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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